

September 13, 1945.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Manley:

Mrs. Manley has brought to my attention the fact that quite a few of the ball players of the Negro National and Negro American Leagues, are going to Puerto Rico and other South American countries to play ball this winter, and this might make it easier for them to be approached by the Mexican owners.

In view of the ruling we made about players not reporting for the 1946 season, being suspended for five (5) years, and the possibility that some players may not know of this ruling, it might be best for each club to be sure and notify all of their players about the above, before they go home for the season.

It might be wise to insert a notice in their final pay envelopes, stating as follows: "The Negro National League and the Negro American League, have passed a rule, whereby any player failing to report to his team for the 1946 season, and jumping to some other team or league, in the United States or Foreign Country, such as Mexico, would be suspended for a period of five (5) years." This notice should be signed by Thomas T. Wilson, President.

Of course, club owners can sign this themselves. I hope all of you will agree with this, and take the proper steps for your protection.

Sincerely,
Edward Gottlieb
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